

SAF/LLZ (Legislative Research Team)

MILLER, Jeff (Republican)  
Representative, 1st District, Florida  
Elected October 16, 2001 in a special election to the  
107<sup>th</sup> Congress  
Reelected to succeeding Congress



### BACKGROUND

Born: St. Petersburg, Florida - 27 June 1959

Home: Chumuckla, Florida

Marital status: Married (Vicki) - 2 children

Religion: Methodist

Education: Univ of Florida, B.A., 1984

Military: None

Profession: Real estate broker

Political: Florida House, 1998-2001. Defeated Steve Briesse (D) and Dr. John G. Ralls, Jr. (no party affiliation) in a 16 October 2001 special election to succeed Rep Joe Scarborough (R), who resigned September 6, 2001. Rep Miller was sworn in on October 23, 2001. Received 66% of the vote in the special election. Reelected in 2002 with 75% of the vote.

Rep Miller is expected to take conservative stance on fiscal and social issues. Promised to fight for lower taxes, less government, and more personal freedom. Representing a heavily military district, it was important to him to secure a seat on the HASC. Remarked that he was honored by his committee assignments. Intends to focus on defense issues. Said "Now is the time to start working for the military personnel, dependents, and veterans in northwest Florida and around the world." One of his highest priorities will be fighting another round of military base closures. A colleague called him a strong supporter of the Navy and the military in general. Favors a permanent ban on oil and gas exploration near Florida's coastline. One of his other top priorities is completing casework--serving his constituents.

In the 107th Congress, following his swearing in, announced that he came from Chumuckla, a small rural town "where even prior to September 11 there was a great respect for our men and women in uniform." Paid tribute to military personnel as part of the 3rd annual Military Appreciation Month in northwest Florida. Described the associated events throughout the month, thanked the military personnel and their families for their service and dedication, and commended the business organization through Northwest Florida taking part in the recognition of those military families. Named to a conference cmte that will work out the differences between the House and Senate def auth bills. Rare, plum assignment for a freshman in Congress.

AF Bases: Eglin AFB (Reserves Forces); Hurlburt Field; Tyndall AFB (interested)

### COMMITTEES

ARMED SERVICES - Subcs on Readiness; Terrorism

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